

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So very, many people helped to make our exhibit on the JOURNEY INTO YOUR PAST a success. Nearly a thousand people came to see the traveling exhibit furnished by the Minnesota Genealogical Society and displayed in the Ted Scott Room of the Northfield Historical Society from April 1 to April 22. A dozen members and friends of the RCGS volunteered about sixty hours assisting those visitors at the exhibit. Thanks to ALL who transported the exhibit, to those who worked on the publicity and to those who donated items to complete our portion of the exhibit on genealogy.

Audrey DeMann

CEMETERY PROJECT

This summer will find our members attempting to complete the inventory of Maple Lawn cemetery in Faribault. This is a very large cemetery and will require lots of volunteer hours to complete. Notice of days and time will be placed in the news and all members will be contacted by phone too.

Society members have been working with a Girl Scout Troop in Faribault and they are interested in helping with our project. However to receive a community service badge they must approach and do this project on their own. They will be doing (hopefully) the stones in Oak Lawn Cemetery under our direction and with our help.

John Dalby and his wife Jan are currently working in the St. Lawrence Cemetery. This is great as it puts us closer to the completion of the project. John is also indexing the two volume History of Rice and Steele County on the computer.

OTHER NEWS

The Society has a new brochure for promotion. This form is lavender in color as the paper was donated by Arlene Williams. This brochure was distributed at various places and was used at the exhibit on genealogy.

Lila Caron will be applying for membership on two ancestors to the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is sometimes difficult as the proofs are so hard to find.

Faribault Heritage Days

We will be involved with this activity again this year in a small way. The society will be helping with a walking tour of Maple Lawn Cemetery on Thursday at 10 AM. on June 25, 1987. The native Americans will be the featured ethnic group. Chief Tapoe will be honored with a visit to his grave among others. This should be an interesting event.

THE DATES OF THIS ACTIVITY:

June 24 to June 28

THE BORDER TOWNSHIPS OF RICE COUNTY

This is the final installment showing the diverse ethnic settlement of Rice County and the area surrounding her borders. Maps were presented in the last two newsletters.

Goodhue County

Warsaw township of Goodhue County was settled in the northern part by the McCorkle brothers and other American settlers. The southern part of this township was settled by some Norwegians in 1856. The village of Dennison was about three fourths Scandinavian in the 1880s.

Holden township was settled by the Norwegian element also

Kenyon township lies to the east of Richland township and was also settled by the Norwegians interspersed with Yankees. It is a fact that most of this county is of the Norwegian heritage.

Dodge County

While Dodge County is not a connecting county to Rice County, it is interesting to note and include two townships of that county. Concord township was settled in 1854 with settlers from Iowa and Pennsylvania. The southern part of Concord township was settled with a party from Massachusetts.

Ellington township was settled in 1855. In 1860 the population of this township was 160; in 1865 this number was 201. By 1880 four nationalities can be found among 667 inhabitants. They are: American, Irish, German and Norwegian. Dodge county lies to the southeast of Richland twonship.

Scott County

Cedar Lake Township was settled by the Czechoslovakians. Large numbers of this population can be found in a triangle of LeSeuer, Scott and Rice County. Their numbers were highly represented between 1860 and 1900.

New Market township was also claimed by people from the same country. This element of the Bohemian nationalities have maintained their hold on this area.

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THE GREAT MINNESOTA ANCESTOR HUNT

Members from our society will be attending this event. Anyone wishing to car pool can contact Carolyn Wille at 789-6359. Most have recieved a brochure from MGS on this event. The date is Saturday, June 20, 1987 in St. Paul and the cost is now \$15.00 per person. More will be given on this at the May meeting but go ahead and mark your calenders.

QUERIES

Harry B. Coolidge of 2220 Virginia Ave, Anaheim, CA 92806 is seeking information on George A. Brunner of Switzerland. He married Minnie Grace POE about 1885, Where? Dundas? Northfield?

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Audrey DeMann, Box 94, Dundas, MN 55019 wants to identify the parents and siblings of Hugh McKinnon, b. 22 Mar 1850 and his wife, Sophia DUHAMEL, b. 15 September 1849. They arrived in ~~Canada~~ in 1880 with four children born in Canada: Margaret, b. 9 May 1875; Alexander, b. 16 Dec 1876; Sophia, b. 8 Oct 1878; William, b. 18 Feb 1880. Where were they in Canada? Quebec? Montreal? Wish to correspond with anyone researching these lines.

Gertrude A. Mack, 4000 24th St. N., 1305, St. Petersburg, FL 33714 is seeking and is willing to correspond with anyone researching Thomas LAMBERT, b. 1820 in Quebec. Lambert has many descendants and served in Civil War.

Roberta HULL of 501 Paradise Rd, Aberdeen, MD 21001 wants to announce her newsletter: ELY Heritage which covers the ELY surname and any allied lineages. Cost 15.00 per year, a quarterly.

Frances Brengle of 6619 Pheasant Rd, Baltimore, MD 21220 has a CHEW FAMILY newsletter. It covers the CHEW family and allied families. A quarterly at 15.00 per year.

For Sale: The Germans in America 1607-1970 and The Scandinavians in America 986-1970. Com & Ed by Howard B. Furer, 1972, Oceana Publications, Inc. Dobbs Ferry, NY. These books are a chronology and fact book. Used. Cost \$5.00 each plus postage and handling of 1.00. Contact. Luana Bauer, R1, Nerstrand, MN 55053.

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